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An award-winning sculptor and musician will join the University of Dayton to challenge students to think about the environment in new ways.

Michael Bashaw begins his yearlong appointment as the first sustainability artist-in-residence on Aug. 18 with the Fitz Center’s Rivers Institute. He will collaborate with more than 50 River Stewards throughout a two-day, 18-mile, paddle down the Great Miami River.
He will also host a sustainability dialogue with faculty at his studio on Aug. 21.

His residency, which supports the University's commitment to the environment, follows the creation of the new Hanley Sustainability Institute and is part of this year's "Rites. Rights. Writes." campuswide series "It's Your Nature."

"It's ultimately not about preaching, lecturing or marketing. Instead it's about seeing things from a new perspective," said Eileen Carr, director of ArtsLIVE, a project partner.

"It won't be an overnight transformation, but a slow process of many experiences. After all, as President Dan Curran observed, 'Sustainability is a journey, not a destination.'"

Bashaw is well known for his giant sound sculptures and as an arts educator, environmental activist and a leading member of Puzzle of Light. He won the 2012 Ohio Governor's Award for Individual Artist.

"I'm excited about my residency at the University of Dayton because of its commitment to the arts, sustainability and social justice," Bashaw said. "The opportunity to work with creative people to address 21st century issues and raise awareness through innovative means is a dream come true for me."

During the 2015-16 academic year, Bashaw will also support the theatre program's Black Box production addressing climate change and work on a sustainability-themed campus ArtsLIVE performance in spring 2016.

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